

medal. He was one of the truly inspirational stories of these games. So inspirational in fact, that his teammates selected him to serve as the U.S. flag bearer for last night's closing ceremonies.

Lt. Snyder is symbolic of the indomitable spirit of our men and women in uniform in our all volunteer force. He volunteered to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and upon graduation he volunteered for assignment to the dangerous explosive ordnance disposal team. With injuries that would have devastated most people, he found the courage to reenter the pool to represent our nation in front of the world in such a dramatic manner.

You will recall that Brad was selected as the Captain of the Naval Academy Swim Team because his coaches, teammates, and fellow sailors all recognized his exceptional work ethic and trustworthy behavior. After graduating in May 2006, Lt. Snyder became an Explosive Ordinance Officer. He served for six months in Iraq and was deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2011. While his unit was on patrol there on September 7, 2011, the front of the patrol team set off an IED. While providing aid, Lt. Snyder stepped on a pressure plate, detonating another unseen IED. The second blast inflicted severe burns and permanently blinded him.

Less than two months after losing his sight, Lt. Snyder returned to the swimming pool and swam several hundred meters on his first attempt. Appropriately enough, it was one year to the date of his injuries that Brad won his second gold medal at the London Games.

As I said in July, I was struck when I went back and read Brad's candidate statement to me from 11 years ago as part of his application to the Naval Academy. In it he wrote, "Initially it was Olympic gold that I dreamed of, but as reality set in I realized that the military was a more realistic dream. Today I dream that I will be an officer in the best Navy the world has ever seen, and I hope that my contributions to the Navy can help it grow strong."

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Brad Snyder has achieved his goals on both fronts—serving our nation with honor as a United States Naval officer, and winning Olympic gold. Far greater though, is the way in which he demonstrated to the world the courage and commitment of all U.S. service members when he entered that pool and when he carried the Stars and Stripes into the Olympic Stadium. This is a remarkable young man with a remarkable story and he deserves the thanks and appreciation of all of the members of this House for a job well done.

JOB CREATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to urge Senate Democrats to halt President Obama's job-killing tax hike. According to one study, this massive tax increase would eliminate 700,000 jobs, raise taxes on the middle class, and deal a massive blow to our nation's economic engine, small businesses.

The President and his czars continue to burden our nation's job creators with onerous, anti-growth regulations. Along with his tax

hikes and burdensome regulations, President Obama's health care law threatens patient access, raises taxes, and takes over one-sixth of the U.S. economy.

In the meantime, House Republicans have maintained a laser-like focus on jobs, passing more than 30 pro-growth jobs bills, which continue to stack up on Senator REID's desk.

Mr. Speaker, President Obama's economic policies have failed. This massive tax hike on the middle class is unsustainable and a hindrance to growth and job creation. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to take up our jobs bills and stop the tax hike.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED THOMAS SOLOMAN (T. SOL) JOHNSON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Thomas Soloman (T. Sol) Johnson.

T. Sol Johnson was a lifelong resident of Northwest Florida who gained a well-earned reputation as one of the finest and most respected attorneys in Santa Rosa County. Mr. Johnson was raised in a household that respected and revered our Nation's legal system. His father, A.L. Johnson, established a successful practice in Santa Rosa County, in addition to his service as County Judge. After graduating from the University of Florida School of Law in 1963, T. Sol returned to his native Milton, Florida to join his father's practice, where he quickly distinguished himself as an exceedingly qualified and honest attorney.

T. Sol was a tireless advocate for his clients, and he often performed pro bono work to ensure that all those in need of legal counsel had access to the highest quality representation. In addition to his successful private practice, he served his community in multiple public capacities. He served on the Milton City Council from 1970–77, as attorney for the Santa Rosa Beach Administration from 1967–73, and as Santa Rosa County Attorney from 1977–81.

Outside of the courtroom, Mr. Johnson was a loving and committed family man with an unwavering devotion to the Lord. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Milton, and he served his church in various capacities as a Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, R.A. Leader, and constant volunteer on mission trips. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mary; his four sons, Robert, Jon, Bradley, and Steven; fourteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

To some, T. Sol Johnson will be remembered as a world class attorney of impeccable repute. To others, he will be remembered as a leader in the Northwest Florida community. To his friends and family, he will be remembered most fondly as a loving and devoted family man. His tireless work and immense contributions to the community cannot be overstated. Northwest Florida has truly suffered a great loss with his passing.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the

life and service of Thomas Soloman Johnson. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Johnson family.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran.

SVC-217

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the future of the General Services Administration.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Citizens United court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act".

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the path from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to Mars.

SR-253

2:45 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New